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BIG STRIKE CRISIS NEAR

WAY CLEARED FOR AN IMMEDIATE STRIKE ORDER IF CONFERENCE FAILS.

SWITCHMEN REPUTED TO BE FOR ARBITRATION

Formal Announcement of Strike Vote Will Be Followed Immediately by a Conference with Managers, Which Is Last Voice of Managers and Men—White House Optimistic.

New York, Aug. 7.—The four railroad Brotherhood leaders have rushed preparations for a strike when they finish the ballot tabulation. They will formally announce the vote result tomorrow. As it is sure to be for a strike, managers will meet the Brotherhood officers tomorrow for a conference and unless the roads concede demands at that meeting, the strike may be called quickly.

Switchmen May Mediate. Washington, Aug. 7.—The administration viewed the strike situation more optimistically this morning when it was learned switchmen probably will sign an agreement before night accepting arbitration.

Report Without Detail. Commissioner Hangar of the United States board of mediation and conciliation at New York is expected to report definitely soon regarding the switchmen's agreement. Hangar's preliminary report indicated the switchmen are the only trainmen reaching decision thus far.

The Mediation board cannot act until the vote is announced but plans to offer its services immediately thereafter, upon request of either side.

Live Models in Bathing Suits. Chicago, Aug. 7.—Live models—the liveliest of whom were bathing suits and were exhibited in a special fountain, characterized the Fall Style show of the Chicago Garment Manufacturers' association which opened today and will continue all week.

Wholesaler's invitations to buyers to attend the show at Bismarck gardens dwelt particularly upon the group of feminine swimmers in up-to-the-minute bathing costumes. Why the bathing suit display for fall wear no one knew and none seemed to care. It was a great attraction.

Chicago store windows were in the beginning of a week's boycott on out-of-town goods and gave their entire window space over to the display of "Made-in-Chicago" products, taking this method of doing their share to boost the show.

A half hundred garment manufacturers of this city had entries in the display. Each manufacturer was allowed to enter four garments—provided they entered them on live models.

From 6,000 to 7,000 middle west buyers are attending the style show. A feature of the show is a revolving stage which permits quick changes of scenery. Dinner will be served each evening, after which the show will be held.

Hospital For Cats and Dogs. Cleveland, O., Aug. 7.—Crippled and senile cats and dogs will soon have a home here. The Cleveland Animal Protective Association, having just raised \$5,000, is spending it for a home for domestic waifs. There will be a hospital, an ambulance to chase after cat and dog victims, and an electric chair to end the miseries of the incurable. The hospital will be kept open night and day.

Ontario Editor Here. George K. Aiken, at one time editor of the leading paper at Roslyn, Wn., was in La Grande yesterday the guest of former Roslyn neighbors, Messrs. King of the Y. M. C. A. and McCollough, school superintendent elect. Mr. Aiken is on his way to Ontario where he has purchased a paper.

Iowa Lady in Town. Miss Joy Sewell, of Missouri Valley, Iowa, was an over-Sunday visitor with the W. R. Jones family. Mr. Jones formerly lived in Miss Dewell's home and she and Miss Charlotte are old cronies.

The Hospital Haircut. Houston, Tex., Aug. 7.—Houston today claims the long distance hospitality championship.

A company of New York militia was passing a fire station during an exercise stroll while firemen were shearing a horse with electric clippers. One of the Guardsmen, whose head was hot beneath a heavy thatch, broke ranks and asked for a haircut. Not only was he accommodated but also was a score of his fellow militiamen—and it didn't cost 'em a cent.

LARGE U-BOAT SIGHTED NEAR MAINE COAST

LIFE SAVER SEES BIG CRAFT RISE AND THEN SUBMERGE.

NO DISTINGUISHING MARKS WERE VISIBLE

Traveling West, Submarine of Large Type Skirts Coast of Maine This Morning—Rumor Arises That the Boat Is the Long-Missing Bremen, Coming to America.

STRANGE U-BOAT SEEN

Boston, Aug. 7.—A message received here said: "An unidentified submarine, apparently of large dimensions was sighted off the Maine coast. She rose to the surface for a few minutes and then submerged."

Machiasport, Me., Aug. 7.—Life Saver Dunn of this port has made a formal report that he sighted an unidentified submarine here this morning. He saw the submarine rise to the surface and then submerge.

The boat was traveling in a western direction but he was unable to see any distinguishing marks, and doesn't know if it was the Bremen, or even if it was a merchantman U-boat.

Considerable speculation is rife because of the report.

ARMY BILL IS \$267,597,000

CONFEREES IN BOTH BRANCHES READY

Several Fights Pend When Measure Is Called Up in Congress.

Washington, Aug. 7.—The general army appropriation bill has been reported to both branches of congress by the House and Senate conferees. It carries \$267,597,000.

The largest previous army appropriation was a hundred and one million last year.

Several fights on the bill are imminent.

To Circumvent Prohibition Law

Denver, Aug. 7.—An effort to circumvent state prohibition laws is being made by the United States Brewers' association, according to charges brought today by the Colorado Anti-Saloon League officers.

Initiated petitions for a constitutional amendment allowing the manufacture and sale of beer in Colorado probably will be referred to the voters next November. The petitions, already filed with the secretary of state, contemplate an amendment to the present prohibition law to permit the sale of beer in original packages delivered from the manufacturer to the consumer.

The amendment would not mean the re-introduction of saloons, its advocates claim. The manufacture of the beer would be under state supervision and would be taxed 10 cents a barrel.

Anti-Saloon leaders declare that measures identical with this one have been initiated in Washington and Oregon. They declare that the amendment would open up all of a state to the sale of beer, including territory formerly dry under local option.

Students Join Aviation School

Mineola, N. Y., Aug. 7.—Seven more Harvard students joined the aviation squad at the Thomas and Wright flying schools at Ithica and Mineola, today.

Of the new recruits chosen by the Harvard undergraduates aero training fund committee, Herbert Pulitzer, of New York, Kenneth Merrick, of Brookline, Samuel Mandell, 2nd, of Hamilton and Arthur L. Richmond of Boston, went to the Thomas school.

The remaining three, Thomas T. Hoopes, of Newburyport, Earle H. Bean, of Melrose and George C. Whitting of Hingham will take instruction at Mineola.

The first contingent of Harvard men, ten strong still is at the Curtis school in Buffalo.

"TUBBY" NILES FACULTY MEMBER

WHITMAN FOOTBALL STAR TO TEACH HISTORY.

La Grande School Board Employes Well Known Athlete as Faculty Coach.

Royal F. (Tubby) Niles, four years all-northwestern football player, generally at full back, and rated as one of the mightiest gladiators of the checkerboard game the Northwest has produced the past half dozen years, and probably more, has accepted an offer to teach history in La Grande schools. The duties of coaching football, basketball and track will fall upon Mr. Niles, who is familiar to all followers of the collegiate game because of his spectacular work on the gridiron while with Whitman college. He has been teaching at Marshfield, and now comes to La Grande where he succeeds Prof. McIntosh at teacher of history and Charles Reynolds as athlete instructor.

The contract with Mr. Niles also means that a special athletic instructor will not be a part of the faculty hereafter but that sports will be handled by a regular high school instructor. For some time the board was without such a man, but Mr. Niles fills the bill nicely.

MANY FILINGS MADE

Homestead Applications and Additional Filings Made.

The homestead applications and additional filings made at the land office today include:

Frank H. Elliott, Lena; May M. Mason, Enterprise; Herman A. St. Claire, Long Creek; Chas. F. Bayless, Coverhill; Walter G. Keeney, Long Creek; Martha M. Robinson, Harlman; August DeRoest, Baker; Wesley M. Hutchison, Pilot Rock; Lois E. Jordan, Pilot Rock; Frank C. Pearce, Pleasant Valley; Omer N. Lovan, Cove; Joseph E. Fauss, Cottonwood; Arthur J. Wright, Ritter; Laval, Cove.

The following isolated tracts have been applied for:

Johnnie Durst, Long Creek; Chancie E. Round, Monument; Roscoe W. Show, Long Creek; John E. Johnson, Cottonwood; Francis D. Round, Monument; Walter R. Dickey, Long Creek; Lest. Paine, Cottonwood.

CONFERENCE IS HELD

Railroad Officials Talk of Subway with City Officials.

Late Saturday afternoon J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the O.-W., and a group of other high officials, conferred with city administration officials concerning the Second street subway which has been held up several years. Immediately after going over the matter in hand, the visiting railroaders continued east on an inspection trip, returning here last evening and leaving early today for the west, on further inspection errands.

In addition to Mr. O'Brien, there were General Superintendent M. J. Buckley, J. F. Graham of the mechanical department, Superintendent Bollons, Division Master Mechanic Ed Thomas and other division officials.

LIGHT ENGINE KILLS MAN

A middle-aged man named Nash, residing on Jefferson near Greenwood, was instantly killed and horribly mangled at noon today when he was struck by a light engine following No. 6 down the hill. Apparently unaware of the engine's approach, he stepped on the track near the stock yards after he had been walking along side the rails for a considerable distance. Death was practically instantaneous.

He is survived by a family.

A woman witness to the early stages of the accident declares that Nash, carrying a pail, was walking along the track but not on it, just after No. 6 had passed, and the engine crew on the locomotive say that suddenly the man stepped onto the track without changing the direction he was going. This was apparently done entirely unconscious of the approaching engine. The engineer whistled and rang the bell and stopped the engine with all possible haste but couldn't avoid striking the man. The right arm was carried a considerable distance after the mangled body ceased moving. The right leg was all but cut off at the hip and the lower portions of the body terribly lacerated. The left side of his face was torn away and the fracture in the skull was so great that the brains fell out, and the brains were later picked up and assembled in the bucket the dead man had carried.

He was brought to the Henry undertaking parlors where the remains will be held until the inquest which will probably be this evening. Coroner Graham is out of town today and unless he returns this evening, Justice of the Peace Williams will conduct the inquest late this evening.

The victim was deaf but able to talk, and this may explain disregard of the engine's warning signal.

WISCONSIN TIMBER MEN HERE

"Just to look over some of the Mt. Emily Timber Company's holdings and see the west," is the mission of Mayor E. W. Ellis of Grand Rapids, Wis., head of the Ellis Lumber company of that city, and Charles J. Kinzel, head of the Kinzel Lumber company of Merrill, Wisconsin, who arrived in La Grande this morning in company with August J. Stange, of Merrill, Wisconsin.

Mr. Stange is still a "citizen of La Grande" to most La Grande people and his greeting to everyone was very cordial indicating that he felt like he was again at home when he walked down Adams avenue.

The party will leave in the morn-

HUGHES MEETS WITH WORKMEN FROM DETROIT

EVERY FACTORY WELFARE COMMITTEE REPRESENTED AT INFORMAL MEETING.

DETROIT WELCOMES THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

Candidates Bows and Smiles as He Is Taken from Depot Through Long Line of Citizenship to His Hotel—Promises Endorsement of National Betterment of Workingmen.

Detroit, Aug. 7.—Charles E. Hughes reached Detroit today on his swing around the circle in the interest of the Republican presidential election. Several hundred people had assembled at the Michigan avenue depot and applauded when his special train, 20 minutes late, arrived. The crowd line the route to the Pont Char-train hotel, Hughes bowing and smiling the entire distance. He makes two speeches tonight.

Meets With Workmen. Hughes addressed a committee representing the Welfare Workers of every big Detroit factory. He spoke in an overheated hotel room and expressed hope for co-operation between capital and labor. He ignored the national movement for welfare of American workers and said "We are not laborers or capitalists. We are all American citizens."

CHERRY CROP HARVESTED

Nearly 20 Carloads of Fruit Leave Cove Orchards This Year

Cove's cherry crop is about harvested. With actual shipments in carload lots already made, and now ready to leave, added to home consumption, the total cherry yield becomes, this year, between 18 and 20 cars, which is but about a 15 per cent crop. Prices are firm, and \$15,000 have been gleaned from cherry sales. Last Spring's disastrous climate badly wrecked what looked early in the year to be a monster yield.

Judd Geer was over from Cove today and reports that while there is a sprinkling of fruit to come forward, the big orchards are practically picked clean.

Taking Vacation

Dr. and Mrs. W. D. McMillan and daughter have gone to Portland to spend their vacation, having in mind several side trips the while.

EAST AFRICAN PORT FALLS

DOLLAR PRICES ATTRACT MANY

IMBLER WHEAT BARONS NOW HARVESTING.

While Some Hold Crop for Present Others Let Go at the Dollar Mark.

Imbler, Aug. 7.—(Special)—Head-ers are at work on several ranches and S. L. Brooks has started his combine. A fair yield is anticipated and agents are offering the "dollar" but many ranchers are holding out for a better price. A few, however, are contracting their crop at \$1.00 per bushel.

Work is at a premium in this vicinity, ranchers coming in night and morning on the hunt of help.

Ted, the Cantaloupe Kid.

There is a commercial concern in La Grande known as the La Grande Fruit company, but as a matter of fact the whole working part of the company is Ted Ludlam. He has a bunch of officers and directors situated in some remote city but he does the work. He is the liveliest chap in a dozen states and has worn out two Ford's since last October. Today he appears in the role of the "Cantaloupe Kid" for he has in a couple of carloads of cantaloupes and is placing them through the grocers of the city. They are very fine and seem to "hit the spot" for breakfast on a summer morning.

COMMITTEES TO CONFER

Arrangements for O.-W. Employes' Picnic Up for Consideration.

This evening all committees handling the O.-W. Employes' picnic arrangements will meet at the club house to go over final arrangements. The picnic is set for August 15th, and the myriad details of such a proposition have been left to numerous committees and sub-committees. These are the men who meet tonight to confer jointly.

NEW DUTIES GIVEN OFFICER

RECRUITING AT THIS POINT THOROUGHGOING

Added Force Needed to Handle Business—One Recruit Sent Down Today

La Grande has suddenly become a considerable military center. Last week Captain Lee M. Clark was detailed to make La Grande his headquarters for all eastern Oregon recruiting but at that time his duties were to interest young men and send them to Clackamas for enlistment and the oath.

This morning he received blanks and full instruction with orders to complete enlistments in this city. He will employ La Grande physicians to assist in certain phases of the examination of recruits, and when Captain Clark is through with prospective soldiers they will be boarded and roomed at Uncle Sam's expense until small squads accumulate and at such times as deemed expedient all will be sent direct to some outfitting depot. Sergeant Harley K. Wickham, who made the Eastern Oregon itinerary with Captain Clark has been called to the border and Sergeant Faymond R. Riddle, of the third company, coast artillery, at Eugene, has been detailed to La Grande to assist the recruiting captain.

Recruit Sent Today

The week began with one recruit leaving on No. 17 this morning for Clackamas. He is Elmer Heard, 19, of Baker, who came here for final instruction. He takes the oath there, rather than here, but in the future that function will be administered by Captain Clark. In addition to the complement of officers now in La Grande another sergeant and a corporal are expected to join the detail.

Office in Federal Building

Recruiting headquarters have been established in the civil service department of the Federal building on the second floor. At that place any interested parties will find attendants, and there the examination of recruits will be conducted.

New York Strike Ends

New York, Aug. 7.—Platform men of the New York railways have ratified the strike settlement agreement and it is expected the strike will be settled before night. Union men declared the railroad has recognized the union. All subway employes will receive temporary pay increase.

Paralysis Cases Continue

New York, Aug. 7.—A hundred and forty-five new infantile paralysis cases appeared the past 24 hours. There were 44 deaths; the total deaths are 1143.

SANDANI NOW IN HANDS OF THE INVADERS

GERMANS ALSO SURRENDER A BLOCKHOUSE 150 MILES INLAND IS REPORT.

TURKISH TROOPS NEAR SUEZ CANAL ROUTED

While Allies Claim Strong Advances Against Turks and German Forces in German East Africa, Teutons Are Pounding French Front Hard, Especially at Verdun.

London, Aug. 7.—It is announced British naval forces captured the German Port Sandani in the German east Africa. They dislodged Germans from the entire area and other naval operations are progressing along the coast. Germans also surrendered the blockhouse 150 miles inland after desperate resistance, while General Northey campaigning in the southern part of the colony defeated Germans near Malangali. Northey has advanced to Madibira.

Russian Lines Fighting

Petrograd, Aug. 7.—The war office has stated Russians captured strongly-fortified Austrian positions south of Brody and that Russians are advancing steadily toward Lemberg. Fierce bayoneting took place in a Sereth river valley. Steady rain had made the battlefield a swamp. Austrian attacks forced slight Cossack retirement south of Vorekhta while Russians advanced several miles on the Caucasus front.

English Gains Retaken

Berlin, Aug. 7.—It is announced a German counter recaptured portions of trench British temporarily occupied near Pozieres.

Austro-Germans captured Plaik heights and forced the Russian left wing to retreat. Many Russian attacks were repulsed.

Germans have air-raided Russian concentration camps on the Kovel-Sarny railroad.

Crack Turk Troops Surrender

London, Aug. 7.—Gen. Haig has reported several small German counters were repulsed east of Pozieres and that the Somme situation is unchanged. Germans are shelling the Allies from Amere to Somme.

British raided trenches east of Nemilstraesal last night.

British have chased Turks 18 miles east of the Suez canal and they are completely driven from Katia-Uma. Thirty-one hundred Turks surrendered. Dispatches called the prisoners "a very fine body of men" indicating them to be the Sultan's crack troops.

Germans Pounding Verdun

Paris, Aug. 7.—French fire halted two violent German attacks at Verdun. Shrapnel prevented Germans debouching and three German aeroplanes destroyed while two observation balloons were burned.

CAR SHORTAGE WORSE

One Mill Closes and Same Alternative Is Faced by Others

Salem, Or., Aug. 4.—The car shortage on the Southern Pacific in the Willamette Valley continues to increase daily, according to reports received by the Oregon Public Service Commission, and the closing of lumber mills is foreseen unless speedy relief is afforded.

The commission was notified today that the Summit Mill Company had been forced to close. The situation was called to the attention of the Southern Pacific officials, who ordered three cars sent to Summit.

The total shortage today was 425 cars, there being 804 orders on file and 379 empty.

New Cornetist Comes

Andrey Loney, solo cornetist with the famous Elks' band at Portland, arrived today noon to make his home here, and to take leading roles in the cornet section of the Elks' band in this city. He has an enviable reputation as a musician.

Lodge on Vacation

During the month of August the K. of P. lodge in this city will "go on a vacation" and there will be no further meetings this month.

Back from Montana

E. A. Stravens, manager of the Hub store, has returned from an extended trip to Montana points.